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SUBJECT: QADHAFI'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

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1. WHEN QADHAFI GETS ON THE ROAD, HE HAS TENDENCY TO KEEP GOING. WE HAD SUSPECTED THAT AFTER HIS CURRENT STAY IN SUDAN POSSIBLE FOLLOW-ON VISITS WOULD BE TO ZAIRE, COMORO ISLANDS AND UGANDA. HOWEVER ARAB DEVELOPMENTS ARE TAKING PRECEDENCE. (MAJOR MUGASBI IS QADHAFI'S TRUSTED STAFF AIDE.)

2. OBTAINING C-130'S AND ATOMIC RESEARCH REACTOR IS OF IMPORTANT CONTINUING CONCERN TO QADHAFI, AND HE MAY SEEK FAISAL'S HELP IN GETTING THEM FROM US. HIS PREOCCUPATION, HOWEVER, IS LARGER CHALLENGE HE SEES OF SOLIDIFYING ARAB UNITY AGAINST COMPROMISES WITH ISRAEL AND AGAINST SHAMEFUL ARAB ACCEPTANCE OF IRANIAN MILITARY CAMPAIGNING IN ARABIA AGAINST ARABS. HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO NORMALIZE LIBYA'S RELATIONS WITH OTHER ARABS--IN CASES OF SUDAN AND MOROCCO PROGRESS CAN BE SEEN--TO GAIN MORE INFLUENCE IN ARAB COUNCILS. QADHAFI IS FRUSTRATED BY SADAT'S UNWILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH HIM AND IS PROBABLY TRYING TO GET NEARER TO CENTER OF THINGS THROUGH FAISAL.

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